(e) The Central and State intelligence agencies are working in close coordination by way of regular sharing and exchange of information and operational coordination with reference to specific cases that may occur. Focused efforts have also been made to ensure close coordination between the Intelligence and counter terrorism agencies of different States. As a result of these efforts, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible terrorist incidents averted.

(f) The Government is fully aware of the challenges posed by the activities of terrorist and extremist groups to the security of the State and to the safety of the citizens in general, and remains fully committed to combating this menace in an effective manner. Towards this end, a variety of measures have been taken which, *inter-alia,* include, deployment of Central Para-military Forces in aid to the State authorities, assistance for strengthening and upgradation of the State Police Forces, including their intelligence machinery, through the Scheme for Modernisation of Police Forces (MPF), assistance for raising specialized forces, continuous and effective vigilance on and patrolling of borders, including fencing, flood lighting and use of sophisticated surveillance equipments, assistance to the State Governments to strengthen coastal security, etc. Special measures have also been included under the MPF for strengthening of security arrangements in metropolitan areas, and the States have been specifically advised to strengthen and activate mechanisms for gathering of field level information and intelligence, including reactivation of the beat constable system, involvement of local communities and market associations, etc., in this process, spreading awareness among citizens and dissemination of do's and don'ts, calling upon private sector establishments where large numbers of people gather to install access control and surveillance equipments, etc.

Statement

Number and details of incidents of bomb blasts during the last 6 months, State-wise and place-wise

Sl.No.	Date	Incident	Security Forces/civilian casualties	
			Killed	Injured
1.	13.5.2008	Serial bomb blasts at Jaipur	68	185
2.	25.7.2008	A series of 8 bomb blasts in Bangalore	01	11
3.	26.7.2008	A series of 18 bomb blasts in Ahmedabad	56	260
4.	13.9.2008	A series of 5 bomb blasts in Delhi	26	133
5.	27.9.2008	Bomb blast at Mehrauli, Delhi	03	22
6.	29.9.2008	Bomb blast at Modasa, Gujarat	01	08
7.	29.9.2008	Bomb blast at Malegaon, Maharashtra	03	80

Integrated Intelligence Wing handle terrorists movement

537. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up an integrated intelligence wing to handle the terrorists movements and their modules;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The intelligence set up in the country comprises the Central Intelligence Agencies and Special Branches in the States which function under the control of the State Government. As such, therefore, it is not feasible to set up an integrated intelligence establishment. However, the Government has continuously given focused attention to ensure the closest possible coordination between the Central Agencies and the State, Special Branches and counter terrorism agencies, by way of regular sharing and exchange of information and intelligence, as also operational coordination with reference to specific inputs and cases as may be required, from time to time. Mechanisms have also been established for systematic sharing and exchange of information between the intelligence agencies and also for provision of operational assistance to the State Governments and facilitating coordination among different States. In this context, action has also been taken to augment and strengthen the Central Agencies, and assistance is being provided to the State Governments by way of earmarking of funds for strengthening the Special Branches under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces (MPF). With a view to encouraging the States to give greater attention towards this aspect, it has also been decided recently to launch a separate sub scheme under the MPF for strengthening of the State Special Branches.

Policemen in Lakshadweep not issued uniforms

538. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the policemen in the Lakshadweep Police department have not been issued uniforms for the last five years even though in the records it has been issued yearly; and

(b) if so, whether Government would make an enquiry in this regard and punish the officials responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) It is not correct. Uniform articles were distributed in the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2007-08. However, during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07, uniforms could not be procured as detailed below:

2005-06:

The uniform articles could not be procured due to non-participation of sufficient number of suppliers. There was no healthy competition. Hence, the item could not be procured.

2006-07:

The uniform articles were not procured due to lack of healthy competition amongst bidders. Out of the four bidders, two suppliers failed to produce the samples before the purchase committee.

(b) In view of above, no inquiry has been initiated.